LPTs in Balrampur and Bagmundi in West Bengal

303. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPTs in Balrampur and Bagmundi in the district of Purulia, West Bengal are proposed to be commissioned soon; and

(b) if so, the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) The Low power TV Transmitter (LPT) at Balrampur and Very Low Power TV transmitter (VLPT) at Baghmundi in Purulia district of West Bengal are presently under implementation and are expected to be completed during 1998-99 subject to availability of resources, infrastructural facilities and inter-se priorities.

[Translation]

Survey for Rishikesh-Karnaprayag Railway Line

304. DR. RAM VILAS VEDANTI :
SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways have conducted any survey for laying a Railway line from Rishikesh to Karnaprayag (U.P.);

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon so far ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) A survey for a new BG line from Rishikesh to Karnaprayag *via* Devprayag, Rudraprayag sanctioned at cost of Rs.10 lakhs is in progress. So far Rs. 3 lakhs have been incurred on this survey.

[English]

Run-Way of Rajkot Airport

305. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the run-way of the Rajkot airport so that Air Bus 320 can be landed on it; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Award for Outstanding Performance

306. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the news-item captioned "Need a cash award ? Be nice to Ram Vilas Paswan" appearing in the Indian Express dated October 3,1997;

(b) whether the Govenment have any scheme for awarding prize to railway employees for outstanding performance ;

(c) if so, the amount allocated for this scheme during the last three years;

(d) the amount released for this purpose during the current year and whether the said amount is many times more than the allocated amount;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of the employees who were provided this amount ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Yes,Sir.

(c) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Julka Committee Recommendations

307. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI SURESH R. JADHAV :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Julka committee recommendations for pay hike and its revision for Air Traffic Controllers has been implemented;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations; and

(c) the date by which it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) to (c) Negotiations are continuing with the Air Traffic Controllers' Guild for an amicable solution of various demands.